

Senate Concurrent Resolution 111

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1 1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. ____
1 2 BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
1 3 (SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3150)
1 4 A Concurrent Resolution requesting the Legislative
1 5 Council to establish an interim study committee to
1 6 examine the costs and benefits of Iowa joining
1 7 the Midwestern Higher Education Compact.
1 8 WHEREAS, the citizens of Iowa take pride in having
1 9 a well-educated workforce and citizenry; and
1 10 WHEREAS, Iowa's skyrocketing postsecondary
1 11 education costs, while keeping pace with the rising
1 12 tuition costs at public postsecondary institutions in
1 13 many other states, are reducing the accessibility and
1 14 affordability that Iowans have come to expect from
1 15 Iowa's public postsecondary institutions; and
1 16 WHEREAS, the mission of the Midwestern Higher
1 17 Education Compact is to promote interstate cooperation
1 18 and resource sharing in higher education among
1 19 Midwestern states; and
1 20 WHEREAS, states that are members of the compact
1 21 have increased educational access for their citizens
1 22 while attracting students from other states; NOW
1 23 THEREFORE,
1 24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE OF
1 25 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the Legislative
1 26 Council is requested to create an interim study
1 27 committee to examine the costs and benefits of joining
1 28 the Midwestern Higher Education Compact; and
1 29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the interim study
1 30 committee membership shall be comprised of ten voting
2 1 members, who shall be members of the General Assembly,
2 2 and shall include additional members as nonvoting, ex
2 3 officio members, including but not limited to
2 4 representatives from the area education agencies,
2 5 accredited public and nonpublic schools, accredited
2 6 private postsecondary institutions, community
2 7 colleges, institutions of higher education under the
2 8 control of the state board of regents, cities, and
2 9 counties.
2 10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the charge of the
2 11 committee shall be to estimate the savings and
2 12 revenues the state could realize from joining the
2 13 compact; identify the costs of joining the compact,
2 14 both in membership dues and as Iowa students cross
2 15 Iowa's borders to attend institutions in other states;
2 16 review the resources the compact offers, programs
2 17 sponsored by the compact, and the program agreements
2 18 reached; and examine examples of regional cooperation
2 19 and innovation in the delivery of educational
2 20 services.
2 21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the interim study
2 22 committee shall submit its findings and
2 23 recommendations in a report to the General Assembly by
2 24 December 15, 2004.
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